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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SIX MONTH ASSIGNMENT OF TWO CUSTOMS
SPECIAL AGENTS TO U.S. EMBASSY IN COLOMBIA

1. PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 26, 1978, BETWEEN
ROBERT E. CHASEN, COMMISSIONER, U.S. CUSTOMS AND PETER B.
BENSINGER, ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRA-
TION, U.S. CUSTOMS AGENTS LEON H. LORENTZEN AND JOSEPH R.
MEDELLIN HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE U.S.
EMBASSY IN COLOMBIA FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD. AMBASSADOR
ASENCIO AND COLOMBIA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS,
DR. GUILLERMO FRANCO CAMACHO ALSO SUPPORT THESE TDY ASSIGN-
MENTS.

2. THE TWO CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LOCATED IN THE
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BOGOTA DEA OFFICE UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE DEA
SAIC. THEY WILL WORK WITH THE DEA AND COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS
TO DEVELOP INTELLIGENCE ON SUSPECT VESSEL AND AIRCRAFT MOVE-
MENTS AND WILL PROVIDE EXPERTISE ON FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CONNECTED WITH ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. AT THE END OF
THE SIX MONTH PERIOD A DETERMINATION MAY BE MADE AS TO THE
FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE ASSIGNMENTS.

3. LORENTZEN AND MEDELLIN WILL TRAVEL VIA MEXICO CITY TO MEET WITH THE U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN MEXICO EN ROUTE, AND WILL ARRIVE BOGOTA APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 18. EXACT TRAVEL ITINERARY WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN DETERMINED.

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